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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeks public comment on Upper Trinity River Basin environmental document

Officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, are seeking public comments on the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for proposed flood damage reduction, environmental restoration, and recreation activities within the Upper Trinity River Basin.

The environmental document focuses on various potential Corps water and related land resource projects being investigated in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, but also addresses reasonably foreseeable projects being pursued within the study area by other entities. It assesses the potential direct and cumulative impacts resulting from these actions to the human and natural environment.

The public review begins December 17, 1999, which coincides with notification in the Federal Register of filing of the Programmatic EIS with the Environmental Protection Agency. The close of the comment period is February 7, 2000.

Copies of the document are available for review at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office at 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, Texas. Copies have been distributed to the main libraries in Fort Worth, Dallas and Arlington, Texas. The main text of the document is also available for review on the Fort Worth District Internet homepage at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil>, or specifically at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/trinity/utpeis.htm>.

A public meeting will be held on January 13, 2000 at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak Street, in Dallas. Information related to the projects addressed in the PEIS will be available as well as personnel from the Corps of Engineers to discuss various aspects of the proposed projects beginning at 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., following a brief overview, the public and agency representatives will be given the opportunity to formally comment on the draft PEIS.

Those interested in commenting on the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement may do so by sending written statements to Mr. Gene T. Rice, Jr., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CESWF-PM-C, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300.